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SUBJECT: WAITING FOR BEGIN

1. ON EVE BEGIN'S ARRIVAL, PAPERS HEADLINE SADAT
STATEMENT THAT "ISRAEL MUST WITHDRAW FROM ALL
TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967". TERRITORIES ARE
ARAB AND WITHDRAWAL NOT A CONCESSION. ASKED ABOUT
POSSIBILITY PEACE TALKS MIGHT FAIL, SADAT REPLIED
THIS DEPENDS ON CHRISTMAS MEETING. HE DID NOT
RULE OUT POSSIBILITY, BUT SAID HE WOULD FULLY
BRIEF PUBLIC AFTER TALKS.

2. ARRANGEMENTS. PRESS REPORTS GOE PREPARING
REST HOUSE IN ISMAILIA FOR BEGIN IN EVENT TALKS
PROLONGED AND ISRAEL PRIME MINISTER FORCED SPEND
NIGHT IN EGYPT. PAPERS SAY BEGIN WILL ARRIVE AT
10:30 AT ABU SUWEIR AIRBASE, WHERE HE WILL BE
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RECEIVED BY PM SALEM AND ACTING FONMIN BOUTROS
GHALI. FROM AIRBASE, HE WILL HELICOPTER TO
ISMAILIA, WHERE SADAT, VP MUBARAK AND MINWAR
GAMASSY WILL BE WAITING. PRESS NOTES ISRAELIS
WILL BE BRINGING DETAILED PROPOSALS AND CARRYING
MAPS. IN PREPARATION FOR SUNDAY'S MEETING, SADAT
WILL CHAIR EGYPTIAN NSC MEETING TODAY, WHILE SALEM

WILL CONVENE CABINET TONIGHT.

3. REJECTIONISTS. IN MESSAGE TO PEOPLE PORT SAID ON ANNIVERSARY OF CITY'S LIBERATION FROM BRITISH, SADAT REITERATED HIS DETERMINATION NOT TO BE INFLUENCED BY REJECTIONISTS. NOTED EGYPT SUFFERED DEFEAT IN 1967 BECAUSE ITS FORCES MOBILIZED TO PROTECT SYRIA. LIKEWISE, EGYPT ASSISTED ALGERIAN LIBERATION, DESPITE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES, AND INSURED SUCCESS LIBYAN REVOLUTION. SAID ARAB LEADERS AT TRIPOLI CONFERENCE ALLOWED THEMSELVES TO BE USED BY FOREIGN POWER IN EFFORT TO DESTROY PEACE EFFORT. (IN THIS CONNECTION, PAPERS NOTE SEPARATELY THAT EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW WILL REMAIN IN CAIRO INDEFINITELY.) NEVERTHELESS, EGYPT WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH PEACE ON BASIS RECOVERING ARAB RIGHTS, PROVIDING SECURITY FOR ALL, AND TERMINATING THIRTY YEARS OF WAR AND DEVASTATION. SADAT LEFT DOOR OPEN FOR REJECTIONISTS SO THAT "EACH PARTY MAY RESTORE ITS OCCUPIED LANDS".

4. SUPPORT. AHRAH PROMINENTLY REPORTS INTERVIEW WITH KING HASSAN, WHO DECLARED SADAT'S INITIATIVE A "GAIN FOR ARAB CAUSE" STRICTLY WITHIN CONTEXT ARAB SUMMIT DECISIONS. HASSAN HAS CALLED ON ARAB

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LEADERS TO BE PATIENT AND SILENT UNTIL SADAT COMPLETES TASK. KING NOTED HE SUGGESTED TO PALESTINIANS FOUR YEARS AGO THAT THEY INITIATE DIALOGUE IN MOROCCO WITH ISRAELIS. PAPERS ALSO FRONT PAGE SADAT'S RECEPTION WEST BANK DELEGATION LATER TODAY, TELEGRAM OF SUPPORT FROM "ELMER BERGER" ON BEHALF OF U.S./CANADIAN RABBIS, LAUDING SADAT AS "PEACE ANGLE OF MIDDLE EAST". ITALIAN PRESIDENT LEONI ALSO QUOTED AS SUPPORTING ALL INITIATIVES AIMED AT ACHIEVING JUST AND DURABLE PEACE.

5. EDITORIALS. ALL PAPERS EDITORIALIZE SIMILARLY ON CHRISTMAS EVE. AHRAH MAINTAINS UNNEGOTIABLE ISSUES CLEAR AND KNOWN: INTERNATIONAL BORDERS ARE SACRED; PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY CANNOT BE BARGAINED AWAY. ISRAEL MUST WITHDRAW FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND RECOGNIZE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. IF ISRAEL WANTS PEACE, SECURITY, TRANQUILITY AND STABILITY, IT MUST GIVE "SINCERE AND FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO RESOLUTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY."

GUMHURIYYA MAINTAINS EGYPT COMMITTED TO FULL WITHDRAWAL FROM TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967, ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTIAN STATE, AND RESTORATION "ARABISM" OF JERUSALEM. IN RETURN FOR THIS, ALL PARTIES WILL SECURE RIGHT TO EXISTENCE GUARANTEED BY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS. EILTS

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